

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of informalities concerning the continuity history in the first paragraph of the specification. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to correct these informalities.

Claim 52 is objected to because of a lack of antecedent basis for "the conductive resin composition." Claim 52 has been amended to depend from claim 41 as suggested by the Examiner. New claim 53, which also specifies the composition of the conductive resin composition, has been added.

Claim 39 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. As suggested by the Examiner, the phrase "and the thermosetting resin" has been removed from this claim. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 37-39, 42-44, 46, 49 and 51 stand rejected as being anticipated by Kuritani. Claims 45 and 47 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuritani. Claim 52 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuritani in view of Marrs. Claims 37-44, 46, 48 and 52 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kiyooka in view of Kuritani. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 50 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if placed in independent form. In the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, claim 37 has been amended to include the elements of claim 50. Accordingly, claim 37 should be allowed. Claims 38-49 and 50-53, which depend from claim 37, should be allowed for at least the same reasons as claim 37.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is

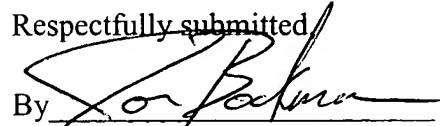
determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 356972020512.

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